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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS–Legislative Committee
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	September 26, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LPCMH
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Mary Caroselli, LMFT
Dr. Margaret Prouse, Ph.D.
Jennifer August, ATR-BC
Nicole Luther, ATR-BC
Terri Willis, ATR-BC

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. William Northey, LMFT

OTHERS PRESENT

No others were present for the Legislative Committee meeting.

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Lisa Smith, Administrative Specialist II

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Grande called the Committee meeting to order at 11:11 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Committee did not review the minutes for the May 23, 2018 Legislative Committee meeting. The meeting minutes will be added to the August 22, 2018 Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of final proposed draft regulations

The Committee reviewed and discussed the final proposed drafted regulations pertaining to the new changes as a result of HB 82 and SB73.

Ms. Singh advised the Committee of the proposed changes that she suggests be added to the final proposed rules and regulations in reference to Title Protection. In addition, Ms. Singh discussed

select exemptions. Ms. Singh invited the Board to comment and offer opinions on which exemptions the Board members would find acceptable once the rules and regulations are finalized. Ms. Singh listed a handful of neighboring states which have exemptions for licensees who come to a state and treat patients on a temporary basis. Ms. Singh and the Board discussed Title Protection for Pastoral Counselors. Ms. Singh drafted a letter which should be sent out to facilities in Delaware that offer Mental Health Counseling.

Examples: Meadow Wood, Brandywine, Dept. of Corrections, The Kids Dept., Connections, Delaware Guidance and Dover Behavioral Health to name a few. Ms. Singh suggested that the Board Admin send out a mass email to all of the Delaware licensed Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals to get support from these licensees for the proposed changes. Ms. Singh and the Board went through the current rules and regulations and discussed which revisions should be made to the final draft. The Board had a detailed discussion concerning Pastoral counselors and how they fit into the exemptions. In addition, a conversation took place regarding payment requests submitted by Pastoral counselors to insurance companies for counseling services.

In addition to Practice protection, the Board also had a brief discussion regarding telehealth. Dr. Grande requested that the Board members compile a list of people and facilities that should receive the letter drafted by Ms. Singh.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for the Committee to review or discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Committee for discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Grande made a motion, seconded by MS. Caroselli, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Lisa Smith
Administrative Specialist II
Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals

The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.